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January 26, 2016 Chair Ernest Y. Martin and esteemed Councilmembers,

## **Testimony Comments Bill 8**

Aloha. Hawaii Bicycling League provides comments on Bill 8. This bill would require Council review and approval of the Complete Streets Checklist and Complete Streets design standards, guidelines, and manuals that are already required under Revised Ordinances of Honolulu Section 14-33.

Our Complete Streets ordinance, brought into law by passage of Bill 26 in 2012, is widely regarded a model for best practices. Through making a Complete Streets approach a part of every project, the ordinance is making our streets safer for those that walk, bike, and drive in a time and cost efficient manner.

In requiring that the Complete Streets Checklist and Complete Streets design standards, guidelines, and manuals be brought before the Council, we urge that sufficient time be provided for this requirement to be satisfied. Under our existing Complete Streets ordinance, all roadway projects are Complete Streets projects, therefore if this bill were to pass without a compliance date, all roadway projects would have to halt.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of the Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

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